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The Coal Commission's Report.

Three great results were achieved by President Roosevelt's intervention in the anthracite coal strike last October. First, the strike was brought to a close and a terrible disaster involving millions of people was averted; second, the questions at issue were submitted to responsible and capable judges for settlement, with assurances of acceptance of their decision by the contending parties; third, the investigation by that body has now closed with the submission of a unanimous report, which must be regarded, apart from its settlement of the immediate controversy, as one of the notable contributions to the education of the public on this great question of the relations between capital and labor in the United States.

The findings and awards of the coal commission follow in the main the principle of compromise. The miners are to be paid wages ten per cent higher instead of twenty per cent, as demanded by them, and such reductions in the hours of labor as are granted also "split the difference" between conditions and demands. The commission declines to specify any radical change in the method of measuring coal for purposes of payment, pointing to the statutes of Pennsylvania as affording the miners ample opportunity for securing the system of payment by weight. It finally, on the fourth question, refuses to make any award as to the relations between the operators and the United Mine Workers of America, on the ground that this matter was not properly within its jurisdiction, although it outlines a suggestive plan for the settlement of future differences.

The chief public interest centers in the observations of the commission on the subject of the status of the union, on trades unionism in general and on the matter of lawlessness of all kinds during the strike. Only the most radical advocate of the union can object to the commission's remarks on this score. They are temperate and judicial, and forceful in consequence. They strike squarely at the principle that while every man has the right to join with another man to better his condition, those two men shall not be permitted to declare that a third man has no right to work, even though he obeys the law. But, says the commission in effect, the third man will be likely sooner or later to join the other two, if by their peaceful conduct and increased efficiency and greater prestige with the employer they have bettered their condition while he has remained stationary. That is to say, the union will win its way most effectively by lawful methods, by striving to increase the usefulness of its members and by appealing to the reason rather than the fears

Respect for law in every form is taught by this report. The union must obey the law, the operator must obey the law, the sympathetic outsider, whose passions are likely to be aroused by a conflict, must also obey the law. The boycott is a cruel, viclous weapon of attack. It is unjustified by any consideration. For the conflict between the forces is not warfare, which can be waged only by the government, and therefore the reprisals which are incidental to warfare are unwarranted. So also the blacklist and the discriminatory measures of the operators are immoral measures where they are not actually unlawful under the statutes of the community. That there were lawlessness and viciousness and mismanagement on both sides the commission finds to be painfully apparent. That the responsibility for the lawlessness of the mob eventually rests with the organization which, despite its subsequent efforts toward preservation of the peace, precipitated the conditions inviting the disorders, it also declares. The union must take into account the fact that a strike always conduces to violence, and it cannot point to the irresponsible mob for the blame when property is destroyed and lives are lost in the course of a strike of its ordering.

One most wholesome suggestion by the commission is that which denounces the employment of the so-called coal and iron police. The peace agencies of county and state, it declares, should remain the reliance of corporations and citizens, and there shou... be no independent organizations of armed men, which invite reprisals by the strikers and foment disorder.

This report should be distributed by the millions of copies throughout the country. It makes for a better understanding not alone of the intricate conditions of anthracite mining, but of the complex problem of labor and capital. If its recommendations are faithfully executed it makes finally for law and order, for rational adjustments and for uninterrupted industry.

Miss Ellen Stone is not making a great deal of money lecturing. The brigands appear to have cleaned up all the profits there were to the transaction

Mr. Schwab, it is said, ate his luncheon at has desk the first day after his seturn to work. Mr. Schwab should be warned

against dyspepsia.

Mr. Bryan in Fighting Clothes. The Star yesterday made a brief extract from an article in the current issue of the Commoner in which Mr. Bryan pays his respects to Mr. Gorman. Take this from the same article as further evidence of what a beautiful shindy is on the cards for next year:

"The fact that Mr. Gorman supported the ticket in the campaign of 1806 and 1900 is used to answer objections from Kansas City platform democrats, but regularity is

not the only test.
"Mr. Gorman may as well be recognized as the most potent of all the men who are now trying to reduce the democratic party to servile support of the program arranged organized wealth. The statement that is going to unite the party in an attack the tariff and the trusts simply means that he favors a sham battle on these issues without prospect or promise of interfering seriously with the republicans.

Observe that regularity is not everything. We have heard from many sources that, Hke charity, it covers a multitude of sins. Friends of Mr. Gorman who have been booming him for President have pointed with pride and comfort to the fact that notwithstanding his differences of opinion with Mr. Bryan on public questions he supported him both in 1896 and 1900. This, it was assumed, would make him acceptable as a candidate in Bryanite circles as against any other eastern aspirant for next year's nomination. But Mr. Bryan puts a damper on this calculation. Mr. Gorman's regularity cuts no figure in his favor at all. He is no better off than Mr. Hill, who sulked in 1896,

and did very little better in 1900. In this paragraph, however, Mr. Bryan makes a statement which may well excite

"There is not a single reform for which Mr. Gorman stands, nor is there a single remedial measure which can be said to have his earnest and hearty support. He has never said or done anything to indicate that he desired positive and effective anti-trust swindle is kept alive. In return for their supports the control of the con

legislation. On all economic questions ex-cept the tarte he is in agreement with Mr. Cleveland, and on tariff he is even worse than Cleveland."

On tariff Mr. Gorman "is even worse than Cleveland?" Surely Mr. Bryan wrote that hurriedly. He is fully entitled to his prejudice against Mr. Gorman on the tariff question, for it was the Maryland senator who made mincement of the Wilson bill, the measure which Mr. Bryan as a member of the House helped frame, and then advocated in the speech which first introduced him to the country at large. After Mr. Gorman got through with that document there was precious little left of either Mr. Wilson's or Mr. Bryan's work.

But Mr. Cleveland championed the House bill. He used all the influence of his office in an effort to induce the Senate democrats to accept it. He stood shoulder to shoulder with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan in that contest, and incurred in the end the lasting hostility of the Gorman men by his letter denouncing them for their course in the premises. That was Mr. Cleveland's last appearance as a tariff reformer, and he was then at his best from the Bryan point of view. What authority therefore is there for Mr. Bryan's slur on Mr. Cleveland's tariff

Dr. Crum and Mr. Byrne. Although it was plainly foreshadowed the President's action in the cases of Dr. Crum and Mr. Byrne will for the moment cause a renewal of the bitter criticism with which he was assailed when he first accorded recognition to those two men. He will be accused both of stubbornness and of pursuing an unwise policy in distributing patronage. Why did he not take a hint from the Senate and beat a retreat? Why renew controversy over two offices local in character and unworthy of the importance to which his course has lifted them? What does he hope to gain by holding out thus

against the Senate? As a matter of fact the Senate's action, or refusal to act, made the President's action necessary. In nominating Dr. Crum and Mr. Byrne for office in the first instance the President performed a constitutional duty after satisfying himself of the worthiness of the two applicants. He gave his unqualified indorsement to those two men, and asked the Senate to ratify his choice. He had every right in the world to expect a response one way or the other. But he got no response at all. The Senate, both at the regular and the special session, failed to vote on either nomination. It neglected its duty, and in effect treated the President discourteously. There was simply the suggestion that the President had not picked the right men.

But why did not the Senate if it meant this say so? And why should the President have reversed himself upon a mere negative nudge? He had not changed his mind as to the fitness of either appointment. He was still of the opinion that both were good and worthy of confirmation. To abandon the two men in such circumstances would have been an act of weakness, or worse. The President would have played into the hands not only of the enemies of Dr. Crum and Mr. Byrne but of his own

enemies. After a brief sizzle criticism will die down until the renewal of the two appointments to the Senate next winter starts the sparks again. Then, on the eve as it will be of the presidential campaign, we shall probably hear some very hot talk, with the President figuring in the role of an upholder of Addicksism in the one case, and of a disturber of the relations of the two races in the other. But such is political life in large and populous countries, and the President must stand the storm. It won't be long, and, in some form or other, he'll an-

The Force of a Unanimous Report.

The coal strike commission is to be con gratulated upon the fact that it submitted a unanimous report. Composed as it was of members of diverse opinions upon public questions, including representatives of the two directly antagonistic elements involved in the controversy, it might easily have come to a parting of the ways and weakened the prestige of its findings by presenting a division to the view of the ublic. But no minority report thus lessens the unmistakable force of the findings made public today. The labor union representative does not halt and refuse to indorse the denunciation of lawlessness for which the commission declares the union to be ultimately responsible, nor does the representative of the anthracite industry efuse to subscribe to the findings which are in the interests of labor. The commission has by its agreement upon the full terms of the report on this complex question afforded a most striking example of unity to the very classes whose diversity of view led to the necessity for its crea-

Lively Times in New York.

Politics must be lively in New York. There is the Hearst presidential boom-a ender plant as yet, but receiving constant attention. There is the Parker boom-full of promise, and growing as rapidly as could be expected. There is the Hill boom-s hardy old plant if ever there was one. And there is the Cleveland boom. But is Mr. Cleveland to be accredited to New York? He is a citizen now of New Jersey. He votes, and lectures, and has his being at Princeton. Maybe it would be as well in this presidential matter to charge him up to the country at large. No pent-up commonwealth should contract his representative character. But, inevitably, his boom comes in contact, not to say collision, with those other booms, and adds to the gayety of the New York situation. The public vatches the fight with interest.

Chicago is endeavoring to establish more courteous system of communication between telephone operators and subscribers There is, however, not much use in hoping to induce Chicago to accept politeness lieu of speed.

General Miles has found a dollar which he deposited in a Boston bank years ago and then forgot. Perhaps the general is beginning to be lucky.

The Colombian citizen with property that can be turned into corner lots is no doub looking forward to great things.

The Chinese are complaining about their taxes. In some respects they share the customs of the most civilized nations.

Now that Congress has retired, the circus advance agent and the base ball reporter will prepare to take full charge.

Mr. Chamberlain made seventy speeches in South Africa. The Boers have had much to endure.

A great deal of senatorial eloquence is now resting and recuperating.

Petty Frauds.

The postal authorities are doing excellent work in unearthing frauds and denying them the use of the mails, thus greatly reducing their field of operations. In some cases, indeed, the perpetrators of the frauds are caught and put away for a time beyond the reach of victims. One of these swindles just brought to light is a type of many others which are being constantly sprung on an unsuspecting public. Advertisements appear in magazines announcing that any woman can easily make \$20 a week at home writing fetters. In reply to inquiries as to details the applicant is told that the letters must be written on a cer-

cash they receive a small tin wheel fastened o a board with letters punched or roughly embossed on the surface and a crude inkng arrangement attached. The process of writing is to turn the wheel manually to the desired point and then to press it down. It is the veriest fraud imaginable, the apparatus costing probably less than a quarter of a dollar. Of course, no one ever finishes the stipulated stint of one thousand letters in praise of the machine, which are required before the promised \$20 is forthcoming, for the task is heart breaking. So the concern gets the \$2.50, and the victim gets the toy typewriter and, what perhaps is most valuable, the experience. A safe rule to follow in all such cases where large sums are promised to "willing workers at nome" in some "light, respectable labor" is to toss the offer aside as another scheme to get the dollars of the gullible by a trick. If the offer is tempting, it is advisable to consult the postal authorities, who keep closely in touch with these enterprises. The swindle is usually so small that few of the victims care to complain, but it is harmful to the public interests to remain silent. Prompt exposure will follow if the swindled ones will only come forward and declare their losses, however trivial they may be. It is this very indisposition of the victim to "squeal" which permits these contemptible games to be run indefinitely.

The Handbill Nuisance. It seems only just that the distributors of handbills should be required to pay a license tax equally with the bill posters. They contribute to the littering of the streets and annoy far more the householders. The Star did not agree with that interpretation of the law, rendered a season or two ago, which permitted the distribution of dodgers at the doors of residences. Vestibules were strewn with them without limit and door bells were rung and people disturbed unreasonably. There seemed no way to restrict the enterprise of these annoying advertisers short of a new series of regulations. Now, however, in the prosecution of the Commissioners' propaganda for a cleaner Washington, a means has been

found to lessen their activities by placing

them in the category of the other placard

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A Theory.

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Lucky Baby.

kins, "baby has the colic. Isn't it lucky?" "Lucky!" "Yes. I'm sure it's too young to be operated on for appendicitis."

A Task.

The statesman leaves this hallowed spot And homeward plods his way, And tries to tell the neighbors what He's done to earn his pay.

Pessimistic. "Are you not glad to see the warm

weather approaching? "I don't know," answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "It merely means that we will quit worrying about the coal bin and start in to study the refrigerator."

Delicate Consideration.

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Shying Bricks at Gorman. from the Philadelphia Press. The way in which Bryan throws things at Gorman shows that some of the demo-cratic party is not yet ready to be led.

Will He Wear It? From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Senator Morgan may as well don a Pan-

Annexation. From the New York Mail and Express. The annexation of Cuba proceeds apace. A nice American girl has annexed President Palma's son.

Is It So? From Paris L'Illustration. It is curious to study the fluctuation of public opinion in the United States over the 17300 1-lb. loaves to the barrel.

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